GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FLIGHTS ON BHUBANESHWAR BANARAS DELHI SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request to provide Airlink from Delhi to Bhubaneshwar via Banaras besides the existing one;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which the said airlink is likely to be made available?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Airlines are free to operate on any route/ connect any place as per their commercial judgement subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes. Indian Airlines has no plan at present to airlink Bhubaneshwar via Varanasi from Delhi due to very low passenger demand from Varanasi to Bhubaneshwar.